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KC MAN INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK, ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for distributing crack cocaine and illegally possessing a firearm.

James L. Woods, 27, of Kansas City, was charged in a six-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Counts One through Four of the federal indictment allege that **Woods** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on July 8, July 15 and Dec. 9, 2004, and Jan. 18, 2005, respectively, in Jackson County, Mo.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Woods** was a felon in possession of a firearm on Jan. 15, 2005, in Jackson County. The indictment alleges that he was in possession of a Taurus .38-caliber revolver. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Woods** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for trafficking, and a 2001 criminal felony conviction for the sale of a controlled substance.

Count Six of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count and would require **Woods** to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of Counts One through Four of the indictment, including approximately \$6,888 and any firearms seized on Jan. 21, 2005, from his residence.

The charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilty. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department

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